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DEPRESSED CLASS CONVERTS—EDUCATIONAL CONCESSION

84. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a resolution was passed by the Council recommending that educational concessions should be granted to the Depressed Class converts also;

(*b*) what action was taken in the matter by the Hon'ble Minister?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) A cut motion to the effect was carried in the Council.

(*b*) Government have accepted the same.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I take it that the order passed by the former Minister has been cancelled?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The previous order passed by the Government has been cancelled and the recommendation of the Council accepted by Government.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Thank you, Sir.

OFFICERS IN THE CENTRAL JAIL—ALLEGATION AGAINST

85. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that serious allegations were made against some of the officers of the Central Jail, during the last Budget Session of the Council, and the Government promised to investigate the matter;

(*b*) if so, who is the officer who investigated and whether statements were taken from any persons;

(*c*) will those statements be placed on the table of the House?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Secretary to Government.

(*c*) No, the results of the enquiry are confidential.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* With reference to answer to sub-division (b) may I know whether statements were taken from any persons?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. Statements were taken from different persons.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know whether statements were taken from the officers of the Central Jail or from outsiders?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* From all the parties concerned statements were taken.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ehzuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With your leave, Sir, questions 86, 87 and 88, being on the same subject, may be allowed to be put together.

Mr. President: Yes.

86. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റ സമ്മേളനത്തിൽവച്ചു ദിവാൻ പ്രസിഡണ്ടു നൽകിയ നിർദ്ദേശമനുസരിച്ചു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സിക്രട്ടറി ജയിൽ അഴിമതികളെക്കുറിച്ചു് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുകയുണ്ടായോ;

(ബി) ഉവ്വെങ്കിൽ അന്വേഷണഫലമെന്തു്?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: ൮൭-ാം നമ്പു് ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തരം നോക്കുക.

87. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Special Officer whose appointment was announced by the Diwan President during the sittings of the Budget Session of 1118 M.E. to go into the allegations of corruption in the Central Jail at Viyyur had submitted his report of inquiry;

(*b*) whether the report of the Special Officer and the Government orders thereon could be placed on the Council Table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Vide answer to question No. 85.

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88. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon** *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the outcome of the promise of the Government to have the jail inspected by their Secretary;

(*b*) has he submitted any report;

(*c*) if so, will they be pleased to place it on the table;

(*d*) will they be pleased to say what the finding of the Government Secretary was regarding the making of the furniture for the Superintendent of the Jail by the convicts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Vide answer to question No. 85.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May we know, Sir, how the Government considered the results of the enquiry confidential in the light of the public declaration that was made by the Hon'ble President during the Budget Session that an enquiry will be conducted and that by as responsible an officer as the Hon'ble Secretary to Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The enquiry was conducted, and it was after the enquiry that it was decided that the reports might be kept confidential.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government of Cochin is aware of the publication of the results of this enquiry or rather the orders on the enquiry published in many a Travancore paper?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I saw reference to that in 'Mathrubhumi'.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What is the reference made there which the Hon'ble Secretary says he saw.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I saw a correspondent from Trichur having written that these are the gist of the orders issued by the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What is the gist of what is put in that paper?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I have not got a copy of that paper.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Please give a summary.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The point is this. There is nothing to hide from the House so far as the Government are concerned. That is an institution where discipline has to be maintained with great sincerity and earnestness and where the officer in charge of the institution should not be ridiculed and therefore Government did not want that if there had been any short-coming there that should be published and made much of. Government did not say that they have not noted the irregularities there nor action taken against the officers concerned. The only thing is, in the interest of the institution itself they do not want this to be talked out in a light-hearted manner. That is the reason why Government decided that this may be kept confidential.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: We understand the spirit behind making it confidential. But in the light of the answer given, Sir, may I further enquire whether anything has been done—we do not want to know what has been done but just information whether anything has been done—to see that such things do not occur in an institut on where, as stated and correctly stated by the Hon'ble Secretary, discipline has to be maintained? Whether anything at all has been done? For example one of the allegations was that trees have been cut and were removed and so on. Has anything been done to prevent a recurrence of such things in future.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We found there was a deficiency in the account keeping there. In the working, registers were not being kept, and there is no provision in the Jail Rules to maintain a register. The lacuna has been filled up. It is possible now to see how many trees there are in the compound. When such a system is introduced any kind of irregularity of that type cannot occur. Then another allegation was that there was some sort of want of discipline, of a particular officer; that particular point was also carefully enquired into and where we find officers had been slack, they had been reprimanded.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the light of the very helpful answer of the Hon'ble Secretary, may I further enquire and ask the question whether the Government will not be pleased to assure this House in the interests of the public that such things will never occur in that institution.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: There is no doubt about it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: What is the answer to 88 (*d*)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is the answer given to question No. 85, that "the report is confidential".

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89. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the present Viyyur Central Jail premises had not been the site of Central Farm before it was made the Central Jail;

(*b*) what was the number of bearing and other trees at the Viyyur Central Farm;

(*c*) are all the trees in (*b*) now in existence?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Before the transfer of the Central Jail from Ernakulam to Viyyur, the place where the Central Jail is situated now, was a public park where a zoo and a small museum were housed.

(*b*) No information.

(*c*) No information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I enquire, Sir, whether in the institution which was there before it was made the Central Jail, there had not been records to show the number of bearing trees as well as the number of animals which necessarily will be in the Zoo.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The hon'ble member is referring to a state of affairs about 50 years ago and all records of the time would have been destroyed. Even now, in none of the offices regular registers are maintained as to the number of trees, and even if there was a register 50 years ago, it could not be traced now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether our efficient and energetic Secretariat cannot successfully get at this information if they want?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is rather impossible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Then I leave at that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Government has issued any circular at least now to find out the number of trees and to maintain proper registers, so that such things will not be repeated?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: All these deficiencies have been set right now.

90. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of trees that fell in the Central Jail premises during the cyclone of 1116 Edavam;

(*b*) what is the number of trees felled during 1116, 1117 and 1118 M.E. from the Central Jail premises;

(*c*) why were the trees in (*b*) felled;

(*d*) how were the trees in (*b*) disposed of?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) No accounts are kept as to the number of trees that fell during the cyclone of 1116. But the fallen trees have been accounted for as fire wood and for other works in the manufacturing section of the Central Jail.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) No accounts are kept to show the number of trees felled in 1116, 1117 and 1118. The number of trees felled in these years cannot also be ascertained, as they have been disposed of as fire-wood and as planks in the manufacturing section of the Central Jail. Only dead trees have been felled.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the state of affairs as disclosed in answer to (*a*) does not amount to a very serious irregularity in Government institutions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We can't say that, because there was no direction that a register of trees should be maintained. Looking into the accounts I found that 225 tons of firewood have been handed over from the trees cut in 1117. That is quite a large quantity and if 225 tons of firewood were taken from the jail compound, then sure as anything many trees would not have been sold or misused.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: How can the Hon'ble Secretary come to the conclusion without actually knowing the exact stock and the quantity that was felled or fallen?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: To have 225 tons of firewood quite a good number of trees would be needed. To judge from the cyclone and the number of trees that could probably have fallen there could not have been much chance for abuse.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether if the quantity of the stock of fuel or other materials from the fallen trees were 500 tons, then there is smuggling of the remaining portion? Do the Government understand that?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I don't say that I have been abll to gather whether there has been smuggling or not. What I said was the fact that 225 tons of fuee have been delivered, shows that quite a large number of trees have been used for this purpose.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know who the responsible authorities in the Central Jail were during the period in question ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice as to who was the Superintendent during that particular period.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know the name of the present Superintendent ?

Mr. President: Order, order. That does not arise. I do not see how that question arises. The Hon'ble Member's question relates to a thing which actually happened at a certain time. The name of the officer at present in charge of the Jail does not arise as a supplementary question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: There is an Agricultural Inspector there now and in the revised instructions that have now been issued it is said that the Superintendent should take prior sanction or approval of the Director of Agriculture before he decides to cut trees.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know, Sir, who was the Superintendent just before the present ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Mr. Mannadi Nayar was the Superintendent for sometime.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Now that the name of one incumbent has come out, may I know the names of some of the Superintendents before Mr. Mannadi Nayar ?

Mr. President: That seems to make no difference at all. It does not make your supplementary question any the more relevant.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: It is stated by the Hon'ble Secretary, Sir, that a big quantity of 225 tons was handed over. May I know to whom it was handed over.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: There is the answer, to whom it was handed over.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What was done with this big quantity of fuel ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It was utilised for everyday use.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether any quantity has been sold ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: One small lot was sold.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know the quantity that was sold ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: About 5 or 6 candies were sold.

91. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ.

(എ) ൧൯൪൭, ൧൯൪൮ എന്നീ കൊല്ലങ്ങളിൽ വിയ്യൂർ ജയിലിൽ പ്രായപൂർത്തി വന്നിട്ടില്ലാത്ത തടവുകാർ എത്രവീതമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു ;

(ബി) ഇക്കൊല്ലത്തിൽ എത്രപേരുണ്ട് ;

(സി) ജയിലിലെ തടവുകാർ പ്രതിദിനം എത്ര മണിക്കൂർ വീതം പണിയെടുക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട് ;

(ഡി) ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ പ്രായപൂർത്തി വന്നിട്ടില്ലാത്ത തടവുകാർക്ക് വല്ല ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങളും അനുവദിക്കാറുണ്ടോ ;

(ഇ) മറ്റെന്തെല്ലാം ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങൾ ഇവർക്ക് നൽകുന്നുണ്ട് ?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ:

(എ) ൧൯൪൭-ൽ ശരാശരി ൧൦ പേരും ൧൯൪൮-ൽ ശരാശരി ൧൪ പേരും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

(ബി) ആദ്യത്തെ രണ്ടു മാസങ്ങളിൽ ശരാശരി ൯ പേരും ഇപ്പോൾ ൬ പേരും ഉണ്ട്.

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(സി) ഒരേ മണിക്കൂർ (കാലത്തു ൭ മണി മുതൽ ൧൨-൪൫ വരേയും ഉച്ചതിരിഞ്ഞു് ൧ മണി മുതൽ ൫ മണി വരേയും).

(ഡി) പ്രായപൂർത്തി വന്നിട്ടില്ലാത്ത തടവുകാർ പ്രായപൂർത്തി വന്നിട്ടുള്ളവരുടെ മുക്കാൽ ഭാഗം ജോലിചെയ്യാൽ മതിയാകും.

(ഇ) എഴുതുവാനും വായിക്കുവാനും കണക്കും ഇവരെ ജയിലിൽനിന്നും പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണു്. ഇവരെ ബാക്കി തടവുകാരിൽനിന്നും വേർതിരിച്ചു താമസിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണു്.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether the answers given here do not disclose a case for the introduction of a Borstal Institute here?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Borstal Institute is always a useful institute apart from this question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am glad, Sir, of the important concession made by the Hon'ble Secretary. Has anything been done by Government of Cochin, Sir, which thinks like that, to introduce in this State either a Borstal Institute full-pledged or something at least in the nature of an apology?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The question was considered and it was decided to take it up immediately after the war.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Do the Government think that war is a sufficient excuse for putting off this all important question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Government have given their reply.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to revise their decision regarding the time at which Borstal Institute will be a *fait accompli*?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is not possible.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the Government are doing anything to reform their character so that they might become good citizens.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

SUITS FOR RENEWAL FEES—STAY OF

92. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) at what stage is the work of the Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Government to take evidence and draft an amending Tenancy Bill;

(*b*) have not there been recommendations by the Committee to stay the trial of suits filed for realising renewal fees;

(*c*) has the request in (*b*) been granted; if not, why not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The Committee has finished taking evidence and is engaged in discussing the questions raised.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No. Government did not consider that there was a strong case for doing so.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether the recommendation for the stay was made by the majority of the committee.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. I think there was a majority.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the number of members of this Ad Hoc Committee who recommended that there should be a Proclamation for staying suits?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* There is a majority.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the strength of the majority? May I know that, Sir?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The Hon'ble Member for Jenmies and Mr. C. P. Vydianatha Ayyar, two of them, adopted one definite attitude. Another Member adopted a *via media* course. All the others were for it.

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